Wood, Miss Marietta
James H. Taylor
Rome, N.Y.
1881, June 23.

Rev. James H. Taylor—
Miss Marietta Wood—
Trenton, N. Jersey
and 7.24/81—

The Parsonage,
First Presbyterian Church,
125 WASHINGTON STREET,
ROME, N. Y.

application

June 23 1881

My dear Brother;

The Miss Wood, of whom I wrote you before, has just been in again to talk of the Mission work. She means it: Her heart is in it: She is a mild, gentle person, of few words, but is a choice spirit: She has opened the subject to her mother,

The Parsonage,
First Presbyterian Church,
125 WASHINGTON STREET,
ROME, N. Y.

I meet the objections
which she expected. But-
her mother, tho. a wid-
-ow, is not dependent
upon this daughter. She
has two other daugh-
-ters married, with whom
she can be at- home.
Her only objection is
to having the one go
so far away. Her Sis.
-ter suggests a com-
-promise in the choice
of the home field. I

3

The Parsonage,
First Presbyterian Church,
125 WASHINGTON STREET,
ROME, N. Y.

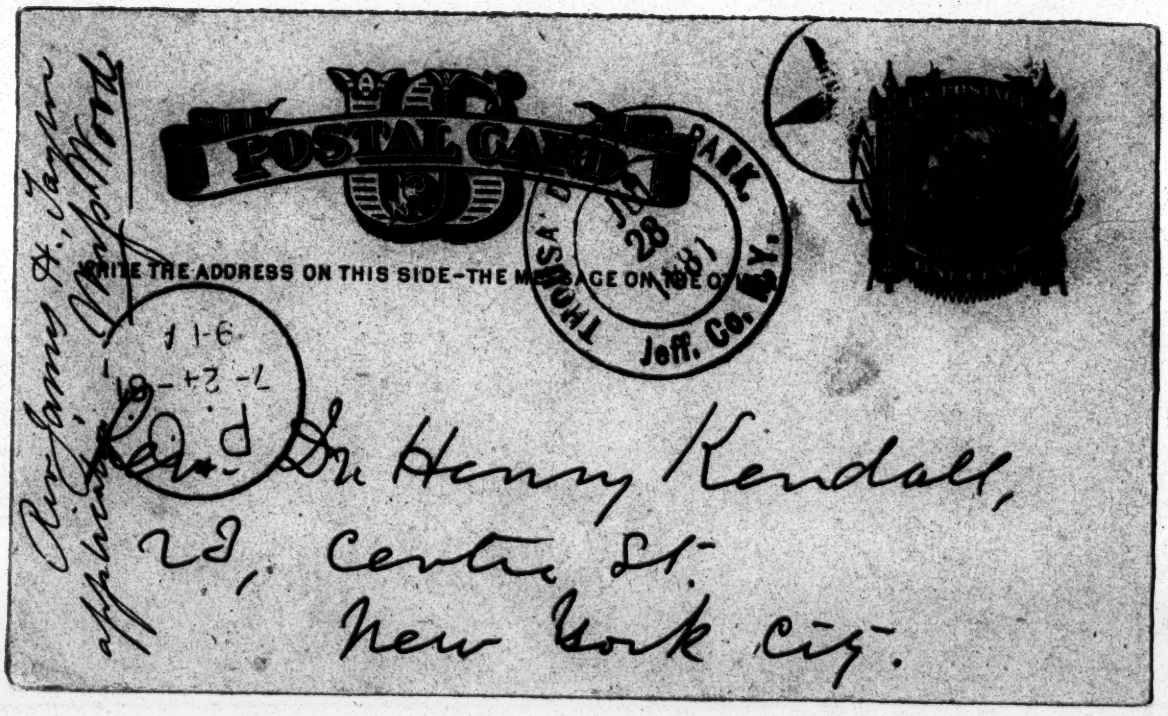
Sapper- Clarke. Westfield interests & attracts me very much. But she says she does not know herself as in comparison with such work, & feels the need of counsel. I only know that she is a most sincere servant of her Savior. Her sympathies have been specially moved toward the Africans."

I asked her if it I

Should a join with you
& ask you to write her.
She was pleased at this,
Hence I give you her
address for the summer.

Miss Mariette Wood
Trenton, N. J.

If you should be coming
this way, I wish you
could tarry a day
or two at Trenton Falls
& so see her. I hope
you will write her a
letter that will call for a
reply. Then you would get
a little insight to her
qualities. Speak also of dif-
ferent fields where she might
be wanted. Very truly
James H. Taylor.


POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
THOUSAND PARK
Jeff. Co. N.Y.
Rev. Dr. Henry Kendall,
23, Centre St.
New York City.

1600 Leland Park, Aug 23-81

Dr. Ellinwood informs me that he has spoken for a Miss Wood of my Congregation, who is available for Alaska mission work. Don't forget it. She is a choice person.

James H. Taylor.
Rome, N.Y.

Miss Mariette Wood
Teacher
and 8.31/81

Trenton, Aug. 29, 1881.

Mrs. J. E. H. Haines,

Dear Madam.

Your letter of the 26th inst was received yesterday. I shall be obliged to give a hurried reply. If the matter is wholly decided this week I will endeavor to have my sewing done next week & so will be able to start the week following.

Thank you for the list of outfit. It will be a great assistance to me. I will provide at least a part of

the room furniture. My
Mother is absent in Illinois
or I might be able to do
better. Can any of those things
be procured in New Mexico?
I do not just now ~~remember~~ think
of any persons to take
the position of which you
write. There is one matter
of which perhaps mention
should have been made
earlier & that is the state
of my finances. I have
sufficient for my outfit
but cannot meet my
travelling expenses. Pardon
me if this has been an
important omission. I have
not thought very much
about the finances & know
little about the rules and

customs of the mission. Will you please give
me some information on this subject. I shall
hope to hear from you Wednesday or Thursday.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Marcette Wood.

Miss Marietta Wood
for Indian work
ans'd in pt. 8/13/81
write 8.18/81
application—

Trenton, Aug. 9, 1881.

Mrs. J. E. H. Haines,

Dear Madam—

Please pardon me for writing you again before hearing from you. but fear either my letter or yours may have miscarried. I am quite anxious to know very soon, whether or not you have a place for me in the Mission fields. I would wait patiently for the matter to be decided were it not that I must engage myself in

P.S. 3

I will repeat a part of my last letter for fear it was lost.
I have been a teacher eight years the last four as a kindergartner in Rome, N.Y. where I was a member of Dr. Taylor's church (Presbyterian). I have never been seriously ill & very seldom indisposed.
Am twenty nine years of age. Have always been in the S.S. more or less. The last few months Supt of the Primary Department of Dr. Taylor's Church. Have had comparatively slight experience in visiting the poor & sick. I neither sing nor play sufficiently to lead. I have thought a great deal of the mission work the past year. But not seriously for myself until about two or three months since.

In haste M. W—

2

other work if I am not needed as a missionary. I am at present corresponding for a position as kindergartner and may be obliged to give a decided answer either the last of this week or the first of next. May I hear from you this week as early as possible. I am still willing to devote my all to whatever the Lord has for me to do and am thankful to suffer for Him who has suffered so much for me.

Very Sincerely
Yours
Marietta Wood
Trenton,
Oneida Co., N. Y.

Wood, Miss Mariette,
1881, Sept. 25.

Albuquerque, Sept. 25, 1881.

My Dear Mrs. Haines, Miss Mariette Wood

After suffering a few delays & the tediousness of a long though pleasant journey I reached Albuquerque Saturday evening at nine o'clock. To my surprise I learned that the Indian School was three miles distant and no one to meet me. I was advised not to brave a drive out so late in the evening & therefore was conducted to one of the hotels by a gentleman in whose care the conductor consigned me. I obtained a conveyance early th. next morning & took breakfast at the School. My baggage did not come until to-day. I am more than pleased, quite delighted with the surroundings here and with the condition of things as general. I had no idea the Indian children were so bright & lovable. I think they prove very efficient care from their teachers. I am very grateful to be allowed to do my Master's work in so congenial a manner.

While I wish to do whatever is best for the cause & am willing to go elsewhere if it prove advisable, still it would give me great pleasure to remain here. I wish it might be decided soon. For many reasons I ought to

know. I think I will begin at once to learn the language as the inability to understand each other seems to be one of the great difficulties.

As far as our personal comfort I think we do not need to complain. It is better than I expected. The Mission is very fortunate in obtaining the corps of teachers I find here without exception they are earnest & capable.

Miss Kincheloe is now with us in a grippe, I fear, a very dangerous condition. The physician pronounces her case nervous fever. I think it is a mountain fever. She has been delirious nearly a week. We have been unable to obtain a capable nurse & so we are doing the best that we can ourselves. Her mother has been informed of the matter & we hope to hear from her soon. The Rowe Church has expressed a strong desire to aid the mission with which I am connected & the children also will lend a helping hand. I can not state our special needs & will therefore write Miss Shields later. Please pardon me this hurried & delayed letter I began it Sunday evening but have been constantly interrupted & we are all very busy & anxious for Miss H.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely Yours,
Mariette Wood.
Albuquerque,
New Mexico

To-
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,
23, Centre St.
New York City.

P.S. I find I commenced my letter on the wrong page. Please pardon.-

Miss Mariette Wood
1881, Oct. 7—

Miss Mariette Wood

LITERARY AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE,

For the Education of the Pueblo Indians.

This school is supported by the Interior Department of the United States Government and the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church.

J. S. SHEARER, A. M. Supt.

Associate Teachers: Miss Lora B. Shields, Miss Harriet N. Phillips, Miss Salome Verbeek, Miss May Auld, Miss Mariette Wood.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 7, 1881

My Dear Mrs. Haines.

A few days ago information came to me, through a mutual friend, of a young lady who desires to enter the Missionary field, and requesting me to direct her how to obtain a commission. I sent her your address & advised her to consult her pastor. I have never seen her nor do I know anything about her except that I hear she is of good family. Her address is Miss Lottie Kutall, Manistee, Mich.

I already feel a very strong interest in these bright, lovable Indians with whom I expect to spend the remainder of my life

place. I speak of these things in advance because the distance is so great between here and New York.

I am waiting for your letter with a vast amount of anxiety & still I hope I am able to face any danger, but cannot tell.

Not being aware that I was to pay my living expenses while here, I brought only the $100 draft sent me by Mr. O. D. Eaton & shall be obliged to request another draft before leaving this place.

All are well, except that Miss Phillips & Prof. Shearer show the effects of over-work. I fear they will not endure it a great while.

With very much love & requests for your earnest prayers, Mariette Wood.

(Indian School) (Albuquerque. N. M.

and my only regret is that I am not able to do more for them. The number of children is gradually increasing and as this is the week of the Territorial Fair in the exercises of which the Indians have a share, we hope for many more in a few days.

Would you like me to introduce the Kindergarten system when I am finally permanently settled? We thought it best not to make any changes here for so short a time. and I am acting as assistant to Miss Auld who I believe follows Miss Shield's system. The children's progress in reading and writing is quite remarkable. They are great imitators, they do not learn to speak our language as rapidly as we would wish, still they do very very well. I think the kindergarten system might be a greater incentive to them to use English words. They would necessarily talk more & it would be in English. I think the expense would not be very great. With the material I have, not much more than one dollar a pupil and possibly not that.

I am applying myself to the Spanish language as diligently as leisure permits and although I would like to remain here, am ready to be transferred whenever Miss Shields returns. From the reports of a physician & others acquainted with the place I hardly dare go to Jemez, where I believe Miss Hammaker's death makes a vacancy. Neither do I think I am fitted to go quite alone to any